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Resource Industry COVID-19 Protocols

Australia’s resource sector is implementing strict national COVID-19 health and safety protocols in partnership with Australian governments to keep its workforce, families and communities safe and healthy and sites operating.

These protocols are being implemented nationally to protect the workforce and jobs by ensuring the highest levels of health and safety – the first priority of the resources sector.

The protocols are based on the unanimous support for a coordinated national approach by the nation’s resources ministers and broad support for the protocols from the Commonwealth and all states and territories.

The sector also supports the movement of essential or critical workers only across borders or within states, with those roles defined as the minimum workforce required to allow site operations to continue in the coming months. This means services without which the operation will cease or production will reduce by more than 50 per cent, or will be unable to meet their priority statutory requirements.

The industry acknowledges the strong and united support of federal and state governments and their health advisers.

Australia’s minerals companies will work with health officials, resources regulators, law enforcement, local government and others to ensure that all official advice and restrictions are observed across the supply chain.

We appreciate your cooperation in supporting the continued operation of the resources sector.

Useful links

- Resources Industry National COVID-19 Protocols
- Guidelines on COVID-19 Support for Indigenous Communities
- Declaration of mining industry as essential by Australia’s resources ministers
- Minerals Council of Australia COVID-19 resources page